

Lakewood - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez is pleased to announce that the City of Whittier will receive a \$10,000 award from the National Endowment for the Arts to support the city's 2007 Summer Concerts in the Park series.

The funding will be used to present eight free musical concerts in uptown Central Park and in the east end's Parnell Park during July and August. Concerts are held at Central Park on Mondays and on Thursdays at Parnell Park at 7:00 PM.

"Whittier's Concerts in the Park represent so many of the things that make our area great – getting together to enjoy nice summer evenings, good music, and the company of each other," said Congresswoman Sánchez. "This award is an investment in the community of Whittier."

"The City of Whittier is committed to providing the best possible leisure, recreational and cultural programs for our residents, and the Concerts in the Park program is our most popular summertime activity," said Whittier Mayor Cathy Warner. "The National Endowment grant will allow us to enhance the quality of our concert series for the increased enjoyment of our residents and visitors who look forward to this program every summer."

Earlier this year, Congresswoman Sánchez announced she had secured initial support in Congress for \$475,000 in federal funds for education related projects in Whittier and La Mirada. This includes funds for Whittier's after-school and homework assistance program, and for a medical professions outreach program run by Cerritos College for the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. A final decision on the federal funding is expected by this January.